



# Community Clipnotes

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WINTER



*Winter is a season for  
planning for NEW  
GROWTH.*

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## City Manager Submitted Budget To Council

With a goal of placing a priority on basic services to neighborhoods, City Manager Wayne A. Cauthen submitted the proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget to the City Council at its business session.

"The focus of this budget is to create a clean city which will provide opportunities for economic development, neighborhood revitalization, crime deterrence and stronger infrastructure, resulting in an overall better quality of life for residents," Cauthen said.

The \$1,108,811,631 proposed budget is an increase of \$10,790,470, slightly less than 1 percent more than the adopted fiscal year 2005-06 budget.

The budget places a priority on returning basic services to neighborhoods made possible through:

City's work to close the structural budget imbalances

Consolidation of services in fiscal year 2005-06

Past efforts at cost containment

Pay for performance

Reductions in staffing and right-sizing of programs

And improving local economy.

Other proposed changes to improve service delivery include:

Expansion of service hours to make services more accessible to citizens

Implementation of the Neighborhood Improvement Program to focus City services in targeted neighborhoods

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## CCS Staff Temporarily Relocates to City Hall!

Due to the upcoming construction at the Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose FOCUS Center, during the month of February, the Center for Community Solutions staff will move to City Hall, 4th floor—Neighborhood and Community Services Department, 414 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106. The staff will be at City Hall throughout this year. Until new phone numbers are posted, please contact the staff at (816) 513-3200.

CCS sponsored session—Thursday's Solutions—and the Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council (KCNAC) will held at the Mohart Center, 3200 Wayne, Board Room. As a reminder, the Thursday's Solutions is every 4th Thursday, 12 noon to 1 pm. The KCNAC meetings are every 1st Tuesday, 3:30 pm to 5 pm. As we become more aware of the changes, you will be notified. •



INFORMATION

SERVICES

## 2006 NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR AWARDS



The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for the 2006

### Neighborhood of the Year Awards (NOTY) Program.

The Neighborhood of the Year Awards Program is a way for NUSA to recognize the outstanding work of neighborhood organizations from all across the United States, and to say "thank you" with a collective voice to the many dedicated people who are working hard to improve the quality of life in their own neighborhoods. This will be the twenty-first consecutive year that NUSA's Neighborhood of the Year Awards has been presented. These are the only national awards given on an on-going basis to neighborhood organizations for their self-help initiatives.

MOTIVATION

Neighborhoods, USA, the sponsoring organization for the awards program, is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Created in 1975 to share information and experiences to build strong communities, NUSA encourages networking and information sharing as a way to facilitate the development of partnerships between neighborhood organizations, government, and the private sector.

The 2006 Neighborhood of the Year Awards program will recognize exceptional accomplishments by neighborhood organizations during 2005. Finalists for the awards will be invited to make presentations at the thirty-first Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, **May 24-27, 2006** at the Kansas City Convention Center.

Awards will be given in three categories -

- 1) **Physical Revitalization/Beautification in a Single Neighborhood;**
- 2) **Social Revitalization/Neighborliness in a Single Neighborhood; and**
- 3) **Multi-Neighborhood Project Partnerships.**

Judging will be based on the extent of self-help, innovation, grassroots participation and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization. A distinguished panel of judges will select four finalists in each category, and will then select a winner in each category plus an

overall grand prizewinner. Each first place winner and the overall winner will receive a cash award.



In order to be considered for the **2006 Neighborhood of the Year Awards Program**,

- a neighborhood organization must have completed a noteworthy neighborhood improvement project in 2005, and
- submit a completed Neighborhood of the Year application
- with a \$50.00 application fee by
- March 1, 2006.

**For forms and information on the program, contact:**

Robert Gibbons,  
Awards Committee Chair  
2006 Neighborhood of the Year Program  
1950 E. Washington Ave., #1  
Madison, WI 53704-5278  
(608) 244-0582  
[robert.gibbons1@charter.net](mailto:robert.gibbons1@charter.net)

**For more information about the upcoming NUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri contact:**

Renea Nash  
2006 NUSA Conference Coordinator  
City of Kansas City, Missouri  
414 E. 12th Street  
City Hall, 4th Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
(816) 513-3214  
[renea\\_nash@kcmo.org](mailto:renea_nash@kcmo.org)

Please go to <http://www.nusa.org/notyinfo.htm> to download a copy of the application form.

Click on 'nomination form' and the 5-page application will be displayed as a pdf. file.

Or you may call Renea Nash, 2006 NUSA Conference Coordinator for a copy of the application. •

## Rain Barrel Workshops

Rain barrels help harvest water off your rooftop to use on your garden or lawn. Make your own rain barrel. All materials provided. Rain Barrel Workshops are scheduled for February through May. All workshops are in Kansas City, MO except for the March 18th session.

Dates and Locations of the workshops are as follows:

- Saturday, February 18, 2006, 10:00 am—11:30 am, Bannister Recycling Center\*
- Saturday, April 8, 2006, 10:00 am—11:30 am, Bannister Recycling Center\*
- Saturday, March 18, 2006, 10:00 am—11:00 am, Schlagle Environmental Library of Wyandotte County

(for location and details, visit the website at <http://www.kckpl.lib.ks.us/schlagle/> or call (913) 299-2384

- Saturday, March 25, 2006, 12:00 pm—1:30 pm, Longview Gardens, 11801 East Bannister Road
- Thursday, May 11, 2006 6:00 pm—7:30 pm, Bannister Recycling Center\*
- Saturday, May 20, 2006 9:00 am—10:30 am, Bannister Recycling Center\*

\*Located at Bannister Road and Hillcrest Road, in the Kmart parking lot.

*"Make your own rain barrel."*



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## MARC Grant Funds Available

Recent survey results show that 93 percent of those surveyed think recycling is important but half of them do not know where or how to recycle. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District manages an annual grant program and invites local governments, neighborhood groups, businesses, non-profits, schools, and individuals to submit a grant proposal related to waste reduction, reuse, or recycling.

Education, composting, recycling, reuse, and research and development are all eligible to be funded through this program. The grant program offers the opportunity to promote community and economic development and to address local concerns about public health and the environment relative to solid waste. The district held two

informational sessions about the grant program and application process on January 31 and February 9 at the MARC offices, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri. If you were unable to make either of those dates, staff is available to meet with interested persons individually.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.marc.org/swmd/grants.htm](http://www.marc.org/swmd/grants.htm).

The grant process follows two steps.

- Step 1: The applicant first submits a pre-application on-line by **March 1, 2006** ([www.marc.org/swmd/2006preapp.htm](http://www.marc.org/swmd/2006preapp.htm)).

*"...annual grant program invites...neighborhood groups...to submit a grant proposal..."*

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RECYCLING

## Keep Kansas City Beautiful

### Got Litter?

How much litter is in your neighborhood? Has your neighborhood improved in cleanliness in the past few years? To find out, check out the results of Keep Kansas City Beautiful's (KKCB's) annual litter survey by viewing maps online or calling KKCB. The Litter Index helps community partners target and evaluate litter prevention and education efforts citywide and within neighborhoods.

Join your concerned neighbors this March to survey litter for 2006. Volunteers attend a training and then drive in teams of 3 to a car and record observations of litter on a scale of 1-4. Volunteer shifts last 4 hours and are available weekdays and weekends during March. Food and new maps are provided. Visit [www.kkcb.org](http://www.kkcb.org) or call Andrea at (816) 561-1061,

*"Join your concerned neighbors...."*



extension 102 to learn more.

### Join The Great American Cleanup™

Are you tired of seeing litter in your neighborhood? Now is the time to do something about it. Join your neighbors, co-workers and friends by participating in cleanup and beautification events during the Great American Cleanup™ from March through May 2006. Keep Kansas City Beautiful connects volunteers to exciting events and offers free supplies, planning and publicity support for event organizers. Contact Dennis at (816) 561-1061, extension 125 or at [dennis@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:dennis@bridgingthegap.org) or visit [www.kkcb.org](http://www.kkcb.org) for more information. The City of Kansas City, Missouri is a founding sponsor of Keep Kansas City Beautiful, a program of Bridging The Gap, 435 Westport Road #23, Kansas City, MO 64111, [www.bridgingthegap.org](http://www.bridgingthegap.org).

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## Why Get Involved?

Getting in involved makes a difference! To address today's problems and face the challenges of the future, citizens must participate in government. That participation can take place in the form of discussions on building an economic base, restoring and maintaining neighborhood vitality or fostering the quality of life for all citizens. Citizens primarily determine the quality of neighborhood life and are the major factor in achieving neighborhood vitality. They have the greatest stake in neighborhoods and can best ensure the vitality of the area in which they live. Citizens are the senior partners in the neighborhood vitality effort. Kansas City residents can take active steps in participating in the political and community decision-making processes to ensure some control and ownership of decisions and actions rendered.

### Meetings Open to the Public:

Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners meets every 4th Tuesday of the month, 9:00 am at Police HQ, 6th Floor, Board Room, KCMO.

Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 3:30 pm, at the Mohart Center, 3200 Wayne, Board Room, KCMO. Please call CCS at (816) 513-3214 for more information.

The Park and Recreation Board of Commissioners meets every Tuesday of the month, 2:00 pm, at the Parks and Recreation Department HQ, 4600 E. 63rd St, KCMO.

The Office of Community Complaints meets quarterly at 635 Woodland Ave., Suite 2102, KCMO. Please call (816) 889-6640 for meeting time and date.

### City Council Meetings and Sessions:

Tentative schedule—

#### Wednesdays:

9:00 am—Operations Committee, 26th Floor, Council Chamber

10:00 am—Legislative, Rules and Ethics Committee, 10th Floor, Committee Room

10:30 am—Finance and Audit Committee, 10th Floor, Committee Room

11:00 am—Neighborhood

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## Special Dates

### February 2006

Heart Month

Give Kids A Smile Day

National Consumer Protection Week

National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week

1st — 28th

3rd

5th — 11th

12th — 18th



### March 2006

National Nutrition Month

National Red Cross Month

National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week

1st — 31st

1st — 31st

19th — 25th



### April 2006

Alcohol Awareness Month

Counseling Awareness Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Youth Violence Prevention Week

National Youth Service Days

Earth Day

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

National Volunteer Week

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

1st — 30th

1st — 30th

1st — 30th

3rd — 7th

21st — 23rd

22nd

23rd — 29th

23rd — 29th

27th



### May 2006

Mental Health Month

National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

National Electrical Safety Month

Older Americans Month

National Peace Officers Memorial Day

National Police Week

Buckle Up America

Click It or Ticket Mobilization

National Missing Children's Day

1st — 31st

1st — 31st

1st — 31st

1st — 31st

15th

14th — 20th

22nd — 29th

22nd — June 4th

25th





## Lunch-and-Learn Sessions For 2006

The lunch-and-learn “**Thursday’s Solutions**” sessions for 2005 were popular enough that we are bringing them back this year with a whole new roster of speakers!

As always, feel free to bring your lunch; we will provide light refreshments only. Events start promptly at **Noon** and will end no later than 1:00 pm.

### Upcoming sessions for 2006 include:

- **February 23rd:** Office of Management and Budget—  
Topic: “City Budget Process”
- **March 23rd:** Information Technology Department—  
Topic: “City’s Website”
- **April 27th:** Public Works—  
Topic: “Tree Trimming Operations”
- **May 25th: No scheduled session.**  
Please plan to attend the **Neighborhoods, USA Conference** at the Kansas City Convention Center.
- **June 22nd:** Neighborhood Preservation Division—  
Topic: “Property Maintenance/Nuisance Code Enforcement”
- **July 27th:** Human Relations—  
Topic: “The Mediation Program”
- **August 24th:** Safe City Initiative—  
Topic: To be announced
- **September 28th:** Animal Control—  
Topic: To be announced
- **October 26th:** Weatherization Program—  
Topic: To be announced
- **November: No scheduled session.**
- **December 14th:** Snow Removal Program—  
Topic: To be announced•

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## Help Us Help You!

Our records here at the Center for Community Solutions are only as good as the information that we receive from you—the neighborhoods. As **hardworking** neighborhood groups, block clubs, and community associations, help us help you by providing up-to-date and valid contact information so that we can contact when we need to!

Please take a few moments to visit our online group listing at

<http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/ccs> and search for your group, or maybe for a neighbor's group that do not receive our newsletters or e-mail notices. Then use the "update form" at the bottom right of the screen to let us know of any information that has changed, and we will make the update in our records within a week.

We generally mail and e-mail one or two persons from that listing, keeping the others for outside use (when a new resident moves in, for example) or when we cannot contact the primary contact person or persons.

You can also call us with updates, or to check what our records say about your group, at (816) 513-3214. Thank you for helping us help you!•

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INFORMATION

### Continued from page 4, **Why Get Involved?**

Development and Housing Committee, 26th Floor, Council Chamber

2:00 pm—Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee, 26th Floor, Council Chamber

#### **Thursdays:**

1:45 pm—Business Session, 10th Floor, Committee Room

3:00 pm—Council Session, 26th Floor, Council Chamber

For more information call the city clerk’s office at (816) 513-3360 or visit the city’s website at <http://cityclerk.kcmo.org/liveweb/common/>. •

“When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, **train** and **educate** people.”

—*Author Unknown*

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Registration: Fee is \$30. Limited to 10 participants.

For registration or inquiries, contact Jackie at (816) 561-1061, extension 123 or email at [Jackie@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:Jackie@bridgingthegap.org). These workshops are presented by **Bridging The Gap**.•

*Continued from page 3, MARC Grant Funds Available*

- Step 2: The applicant is required to complete the full application, due on **April 12**. Funds will become available July 1, 2006.

All grant funds are for one-year projects.


Please contact Nadja Karpilow at (816) 701-8226 or [karpilow@marc.org](mailto:karpilow@marc.org) for more information or for assistance with your grant idea.•

*Continued from page 3, Keep Kansas City Beautiful***Event Recycling - It's too easy not to do!**

You may recycle at home, work, school and many other places. Now it will be easier for you to recycle at special events as well. Keep Kansas City Beautiful now has an easy to use guide for event recycling AND all the materials you will need for rent, purchase, or for free. Effective, easy to use and transport recycling containers, banners, volunteer vests and gloves, litter bags, and much more are available at three convenient locations. Visit [www.kkcb.org](http://www.kkcb.org) or call Andrea at (816) 561-1061 extension 102 to learn more.•

## The List of Recyclables is Expanding!

Visit a **Bridging The Gap** Community Recycling Center near you to recycle many items that don't go in the curbside recycling bin such as:

Athletic shoes		Shredded office paper
Clothing donations		Computers
Household batteries		Glass bottles and jars
Styrofoam blocks		And more!

**Now accepting** electronics media such as:

Floppy disks	CDs
VHS tapes	Cassette tapes,
8-track tapes (including its plastic cases)	

For information, please call (816) 561-1090 for hours and locations of Community Recycling Centers, or visit the website: [www.bridgingthegap.org](http://www.bridgingthegap.org) or call Jackie Palmer, Bannister Recycling Center, (816) 763-2551. •

## Take Pride In A Clean City

The City of Kansas City Public Works crews take pride in their work to make Kansas City a clean and livable city.

Here are some things residents can do to help:

### (1) Slow Down to Get Around!

Solid waste collection and road repair are hazardous occupations. Be patient. Public Works professionals will wave you when it's clear to pass.

### (2) Know your bulky date!

Bulky items can be set after 3 pm the day before the collection date. Early bulky item setouts cause blight and reduce property values. A ticket and fine may be issued for early setouts.

Call the Action Center, 513-1313 to find out your bulky date.

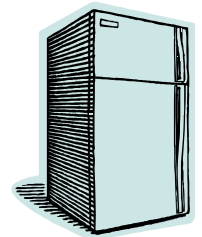
### (3) Reduce household waste and recycle!

Now that recycling is every week, more people are starting to recycle and more materials are being recycled.

Recycling is good for the economy:

- For every job created by landfilling, 6 jobs are created by recycling the same amount of waste.
- Recycling helps to lower the amount of resources and raw materials imported to the U.S., such as trees logged in Canada and brought to the U.S. on trucks.
- Plastic bottles are made from petroleum resin.

*"Early bulky item setouts cause blight and reduce property values."*



### (4) Buy trash tags for excess bags.

More than 2 bags of trash must have a \$1.00 trash tag on each extra bag. Less trash going to the landfill means reduced waste disposal costs and slowing down the time before trash disposal costs go up.

### (5) Respect yourself and your community.

Illegal dumpers make our city look trashy. The penalties for illegal dumping are \$1,000 and jail time. Combat illegal dumping! Be watchful of vulnerable areas such as dead-end streets, vacant lots, and abandoned buildings or parking lots.

Report illegal dumpers to the Action Center at (816) 513-1313. •

## Planning A Community Event: Permit Needed?

To block off a street or streets for a neighborhood activity, a neighborhood representative, neighborhood resident or homes association must obtain a **Block Party Permit** from the Public Works Department at no charge. The permit authorizes the neighborhood representative to block off the specified street named in the permit to conduct a block party. (*Reference Code of Gen. Ordinance 70—39*)

In submitting your block party application to the city, the neighborhood representative must mail the **original** application at least one month prior to your activity.

Please know that any application submitted less than five (5) days prior to your neighborhood activity will be denied.

In addition, **at least 60%** of the residents who live in the blocked-off area must sign the application stating whether

they are in favor of the proposed neighborhood block party or event.

For more information or to obtain an application, call Public Works Dept., Street and Traffic Division, (816) 513-2668 or by email: [Streets@kcmo.org](mailto:Streets@kcmo.org).

Applications are available online at [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org). Once you are on the city's website, click on Departments and then click on Street & Traffic Division. Scroll down to the bottom of the page, click on Block Party Permit. •

*"...at least 60% of the residents who live in the blocked-off area must sign...in favor of the proposed... block party..."*



UNITY

## Planning To Serve Food: Permit Needed?

If you are serving **food** at your block party, the neighborhood representative does not have to obtain a permit from the Health Department as long as the block party is considered a private party (i.e. neighbors only, by invitation).

However, if you are serving food to the public (i.e. anyone can come), then the neighborhood representative would be required to obtain a temporary event permit from the Health Department. When serving food to the public, the Health Department has guidelines in regards to the way the food is prepared, stored, and maintained, as well as hygienic practices. For more information, call the Food Protection Program, Kansas City Health Department, at (816) 513-6315. •



## Want To Know What Is Happening In Your Neighborhood?

Do you have any idea how many abandoned vehicles were reported in your neighborhood in 2005? How about code violations or tall weeds? The Action Center knows and would like to share this information with your neighborhood.

The Action Center can provide your neighborhood with a free report listing the following:

1. Illegal Dumping Reports
2. Zoning Violations
3. Tall Weed Complaints
4. Abandoned Vehicles
5. Property and Nuisance Violations
6. Demolition Requests

Requests received in the Action Center during 2005 will be included in this report, along with the problem address, date the request was received, and the status of the request

(open or completed). Many neighborhoods have found this information to be helpful in applying for grants, making more informed decisions about programs, identifying problem areas, and evaluating your neighborhood overall.

To request a copy of this report for your neighborhood, contact Jean Ann Lawson in the Action Center by e-mail at [jean\\_ann\\_lawson@kcmo.org](mailto:jean_ann_lawson@kcmo.org) or by phone at (816) 513-1302. Be sure to include a contact name and telephone number and also indicate if you would prefer the report sent by e-mail, fax, or mail.

The Action Center has extended hours to better you. The Action Center is now open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may contact the Action Center at (816) 513-1313; fax 513-1303; or e-mail [action\\_center@kcmo.org](mailto:action_center@kcmo.org). •

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RESOURCES

## “KC Pet Program” Offers Low Cost Services

PARTNERSHIP

Kansas City Animal Control has partnered with Spay Neuter KC, Wayside Waifs, and Animal Kind to offer free and low cost rabies vaccinations, animal licensing, and animal altering.

These services are offered to low income residents of Kansas City and intended to assist them in complying with city ordinances requiring pet owners to have their animals vaccinated against rabies and currently licensed with the City of Kansas City. The vaccination is an important part of being a responsible pet owner and protects animals, and humans, from the spread of rabies in the community. Kansas City is not immune to the rabies virus and the impact is deadly.

Licensing your pet is important to you and your pet. If your pet is lost the best method to make sure he/she comes home is to have a valid city license on your pet's collar at all times. Residents, and Animal Control, can find the animal's home and reunite you and your pet.

*“KC Animal Control has partnered with Spay Neuter KC, Wayside Waifs, and Animal Kind...”*



This program also offers low cost spaying and neutering. Area animal shelters put over 15,000 pets a year to sleep, and pet overpopulation is a community

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## Request Vital Records By Mail or Online

You can request a **Missouri** birth or death certificate from the Kansas City Vital Records Office by mail or online.

### Who may request and receive copies of vital records?

- The primary person named on the vital records.
- A member of the immediate family, including includes wife, husband, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and in-law. This does not include cousins. Others: guardian who shows guardian paperwork, foster parent who furnish custody papers, step-parent and

attorney acting on behalf of the registrant or family.

When requesting by **mail**, please include the following information when submitting a mailed request:

- For a Missouri certified birth certificate, your request must include the birth name, birth date, mother's maiden name, father's name, your relationship to the person named on the certificate and the reason you need the record. Certified birth certificates starting from 1920 are \$15 each.



- For a Missouri certified death

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## New Poverty Guidelines for KCMO Home Weatherization Program

The following are the new income guidelines for the City of Kansas City, Missouri's Home Weatherization Program.

### Department of Natural Resources

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### Income Restrictions

Family Size	Income/Year	Income/Month	Family Size	Income/Year	Income/Month
1	\$14,700	\$1,255	5	\$35,100	\$2,925
2	\$19,800	\$1,650	6	\$40,200	\$3,350
3	\$24,900	\$2,075	7	\$45,300	\$3,775
4	\$30,000	\$2,500	8	\$50,400	\$4,200

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Continued assessment to streamline and further consolidate City operations

Creation of a General Services Department to provide better back-office support to departments.

Proposed new and expanded neighborhood services include:

36 additional firefighters

40 additional police officers

Additional funding for illegal dumping abatement

Additional personnel for Dead Animal Collection and Disposal

Additional personnel for Roadside Weed Removal and Sight Clearance

Additional Property Code Enforcement personnel

Additional recycling education programming

Additional inspectors to monitor City's regulated industries

An additional curbside leaf and brush collection

(total of three)

Creation of a Nuisance Abatement and Clearance Program

Expanded Communicable Disease Prevention and Education programming

Expanded neighborhood traffic and parking control enforcement

Doubling of funding for the Paint Program

Full funding for mowing in parks and on City boulevards

Full funding for Land Trust vacant lot maintenance

An additional mowing cycle for abandoned private lots throughout the City

Funding for a new 311 system for citizen requests for service

Implementation of a semi-automated trash cart collection program

Restoration of the Rat Control and Abatement Program.

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Missouri Gas Energy					
Income Restrictions					
Family Size	Income/Year	Income/Month	Family Size	Income/Year	Income/Month
1	\$28,740	\$2,395	5	\$44,340	\$3,695
2	\$32,820	\$2,735	6	\$47,580	\$3,965
3	\$36,960	\$3,080	7	\$50,880	\$4,240
4	\$42,240	\$3,520	8	\$54,180	\$4,515

Kansas City Power & Light Company					
Income Restrictions					
Family Size	Income/Year	Income/Month	Family Size	Income/Year	Income/Month
1	\$17,705	\$1,475	5	\$41,829	\$3,486
2	\$23,736	\$1,978	6	\$47,860	\$3,988
3	\$29,767	\$2,481	7	\$53,897	\$4,491
4	\$35,798	\$2,983	8	\$59,922	\$4,994

INFORMATION

## Foster Grandparent Program

### MOTIVATION

Brenda Lax, Program Manager of the Foster Grandparent Program of Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties, was selected by U.S. Senator Christopher “Kit” S. Bond to be a delegate at the recent White House Conference on Aging, which was held from Dec. 11-14, 2005. The local Foster Grandparent Program is sponsored by the City of Kansas City, Missouri, Neighborhood and Community Services Department. It is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal domestic volunteer agency.

The White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) occurs once every 10 years. The 2005 conference occurs as the first wave of the baby boom generation prepares for retirement. Lax was one of 1,200 delegates selected to participate in this year’s conference and one of 15 representing Missouri.

“Delegates voted on resolutions and developed implementation strategies to be presented to the President and Congress to help guide national aging policies for the next decade and beyond,” Lax said. “We were hopeful that volunteerism and civic service would be part of the 50 resolutions selected to go to the President and Congress in

making policy decisions, as studies show that when a person stays involved in their community, their health continues to be better than if they do not. The three Senior Corps Directors Associations had drafted a proposed resolution regarding volunteerism and civic service. The WHCoA Policy Committee members narrowed all proposed resolutions down to 73 that were given to delegates to vote from, two of which were regarding volunteerism. These resolutions fell into one of the following categories: Technology & Innovation in the Marketplace, Health & Long Term Living, Civic & Social Engagement, Planning Along the Lifespan, Workplace of the Future, Our Community, and Cross Cutting. After much advocacy for the two resolutions on volunteerism, much to our delight they did end up in the 50 that will go to the President.”

The Foster Grandparent Program is open to all people 60 years old and older wanting to volunteer 15-40 hours a week. Those who are income eligible receive a tax-free stipend of \$2.65 an hour that is not included as income. They also receive reimbursement for transportation to and from their volunteer stations, meals during service, accident and liability insurance while on duty,

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## Youth Commissioners Launch Youth Resource Line

### PARTICIPATION

All area youth are encouraged to call the Youth Commission's newly created Youth Resource Line, (816) 513-1377. The Youth Resource Line is designed to give area youth access to community information. The Youth Resource Line provides information on local upcoming events and resources in the areas of sports and recreation, education, employment, Youth Commission related activities, special events, community service, leadership, youth recognition, and arts related projects.

“The Youth Resource Line is a valuable resource for the youth of Kansas City,” stated Youth Commissioner Boyd.

“This line will help my peers and I connect and become aware of the resources that will assist us in our academic and personal goals,” continued Boyd.

For further information regarding the Youth Resource Line, call Thalia Cherry, Youth Advocate, (816) 513-1378 or email her at [Thalia\\_Cherry@kcmo.org](mailto:Thalia_Cherry@kcmo.org).

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## Kansas City, MO Offers Youth Scholarships

The City of Kansas City, MO Opportunities Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for its annual \$1,000 scholarship. Tuition, books, activity fees and academic fees are allowable expenses under the scholarship. The local gaming operations provide funds for this scholarship. Submit application along with an essay of no more than 300 words about how the scholarship money will assist in the achievement of the student’s goals.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the student must be a:

- Kansas City, MO resident between the ages of 17—25;
- Resident in a household with income 80 % or less than the median income for Kansas City, MO residents; and
- Full-time student attending an accredited or certified college, university, vocational or technical school-in good academic standing (as defined by the academic institution).

For more information, please call the City Manager’s Office at (816) 513-1408 or pick up an application at the Youth Advocacy Office, 22nd Floor of City Hall.

## MOCSA Seeks Volunteers

The **Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault** (MOCSA) is looking for volunteers! MOCSA exists to lessen the ill effects of sexual assault and abuse through prevention, education intervention, treatment, and advocacy. MOCSA Volunteers serve the community by providing hospital advocacy, answering our 24-hour crisis support line, facilitating support groups, or by educating the community on issues surrounding child sexual abuse and sexual assault.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please call (816) 931-4527 to register for the February 2006 volunteer training. You can also check out [www.mocsa.org](http://www.mocsa.org) for more information.

MOCSA is available to give such presentations on Child Sexual Abuse, which basically, covers the indicators of abuse, and how to talk to your child and on sexual assault and personal safety.

For more information about MOCSA or how you can volunteer, please contact Alison Jones, Community Relations and Volunteer Program Coordinator at

MOCSA, 3217 Broadway, Suite 500,  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Phone: (816) 931-4527, extension 230  
Email: [ajones@mocsa.org](mailto:ajones@mocsa.org).

Missouri 24-hour Crisis Line: (816) 531-0233

Kansas 24-Hour Crisis Line: (913) 642-0233•

*“MOCSA exists to lessen the ill effects of sexual assault and abuse through prevention, education intervention, treatment, and advocacy.”*

### “Volunteering

creates a national character in which the community and the nation take on a spirit of compassion, comradeship and confidence.”

—Brian O'Connell

### “Organizing

is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up.”

—A. A. Milne, (1882-1956)

COMMUNITY

## Step Up With RSVP!

RSVP volunteers are active, energetic and focused. They have fun. They meet new people. They get good exercise. They get good results. They make a difference in their communities.

RSVP volunteers choose from hundreds of opportunities, from artist to zoo attendant. They utilize their skills and talents as :

Tutors

Cooks

Bulk mail experts

Knitters

Patient visitors

Counselors

Office assistants

Musicians

Gardeners

Carpenters

Meal deliveries

and more!

RSVP volunteers, whether retired or seeking a new career, may take the time off to creatively pursue new skills, interests and passions.

RSVP volunteers are at least 55 years of age. RSVP connects you with a position matching your choices.

Each volunteer receives, at no expense:

- **Pre-Service Orientation:** The orientation provides you with information about RSVP programs.
- **On-the-Job Training:** Each agency prepares volunteers for specific task and activities in the organization.
- **Supplemental Liability Insurance:** Volunteers receive FREE coverage during all volunteer assignments.

The benefits of joining

RSVP: “pre-service orientation... on-the-job training...supplemental insurance.”

RSVP inspires you to be...

—flexible with your time,  
—innovative with your choice,  
—successful and proud of your accomplishments.

If you are interested in volunteering or desire more information about the program, please call Betsy Phillips, Program Specialist, RSVP, at (816) 559-4668. •



## Resource Directory for Neighborhood Presentations

### KCMO Fire Department—Fire Prevention Division.

This division strives to educate the public about fire safety which is aimed at minimizing fire accidents, injuries and even deaths.

Presentations are given throughout the year.

For more information about fire safety and prevention, presentations, and the “Kids’ Safety Trailer”, contact: Public Education Office, (816) 784-9100 or 784-9128. •

### KCMO, Neighborhood & Community Services Department—Dangerous Buildings Demolition has the following programs:

Dangerous Buildings, Paint, Building Reuse, Board-Up and Municipal Court Fund.

For more information about these programs, contact Nathan Pare, (816) 784-4024, or email him at [Nate\\_Pare@kcmo.org](mailto:Nate_Pare@kcmo.org). •

### KCMO, Neighborhood & Community Services Department—Center for Community Solutions Division has four programs:

(1) KCMO Crime Prevention Program, (2) Teaming up for Adult Personal Safety, (3) Family Violence Education Project, and (4) M-Power, youth program.

For more information, contact the Center for Community Solutions at (816) 513-3214 or email us at [Solutions\\_NCS@kcmo.org](mailto:Solutions_NCS@kcmo.org). •

### KCMO Neighborhood & Community Services Department—Animal Control Division can answer questions about the division or attend one of your meetings to explain and discuss Pet Licensing and/or other Animal Control issues.

For more information, contact Michael W. Simmons at (816) 513-9000 or email him at [Michael\\_W\\_Simmons@kcmo.org](mailto:Michael_W_Simmons@kcmo.org). •

### KCMO Water Services Department—Bottled water, the top-selling municipally-owned bottled water in the Midwest, received an ‘A’ rating for taste and quality by *Men’s Health* magazine in 2004. Water Services offers 16 oz bottled water for \$8.50 per case (24 bottles). To order for your next event or individual consumption, phone (816) 513-0232 or online at [www.kcmo.org/waterorders.nsf/wo?openform](http://www.kcmo.org/waterorders.nsf/wo?openform). •

### KCMO Health Department—Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) goal is to prevent lead poisoning in children by eliminating harmful levels of lead in Kansas City by assuring blood lead screening, case management of lead poisoned children, lead hazard, and election.

For more information, contact Carol Pollard, (816) 513-6272 or email her at [Carol\\_Pollard@kcmo.org](mailto:Carol_Pollard@kcmo.org). •

### KCMO Health Dept.—Food Protection Program enables staff to inform the public about proper ways to handle food, leftovers and safe ways how to thaw, store, prepare and shop for food.

The program offers weekly food handling and food managers training classes.

For more information, contact Linda S. Myles at (816) 513-6200 or email her at [Linda\\_S\\_Myles@kcmo.org](mailto:Linda_S_Myles@kcmo.org). •

### Bridging the Gap, 435 Westport Road, #23 focuses on environmental projects such as:

waste prevention, environmental education, Keep Kansas City Beautiful, Litter Index, Great American Cleanup, and more.

For more information about their projects or ways to keep your environment safe and clean, phone (816) 561-1061 or visit their website at <http://www.bridgingthegap.org>. •

### Habitat ReStore, 4701 Deramus, is open to the public. New and used quality construction materials are sold at a discounted price.

Store hours: Tuesday — Friday, 10 am — 6 pm; Saturday, 9 am — 4 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

For more information about Habitat ReStore, call (816) 231-6889 or visit their website at <http://www.restorekc.org>. •

### KCMO Public Works Department—Solid Waste Division, Neighborhood Cleanup Assistance Program provides assistance in organizing neighborhood cleanups. Dumpsters available from May through October.

For more information about organizing cleanups or services offered by the program, contact Constance Tate at (816) 784-2114 or email her at [Constance\\_Tate@kcmo.org](mailto:Constance_Tate@kcmo.org). •



## Resource Directory for Neighborhood Presentations

Community Policing is based on the idea that citizens and the police can partner together by taking proactive steps within the community to combat issues. Invite your **Kansas City Police Department—Community Interaction Officer (CIO)** to attend your next neighborhood meeting.



*Central Patrol Division*, CIO Diane Soligo,  
(816) 759-6328, Email: [diane.soligo@kcpd.org](mailto:diane.soligo@kcpd.org)

*East Patrol Division*, CIO David DeLaMare,  
(816) 719-8081, Email: [ddelamare@kcpd.org](mailto:ddelamare@kcpd.org)

*Metro Patrol Division*, CIO John Trainor,  
(816) 349-6248, Email: [jtrainor@kcpd.org](mailto:jtrainor@kcpd.org)

*North Patrol Division*, CIO Dan Watts,  
(816) 437-6230, Email: [dwatts@kcpd.org](mailto:dwatts@kcpd.org)

*Shoal Creek Patrol Division*, CIO Markus Smith,  
(816) 467-7204, Email: [msmith@kcpd.org](mailto:msmith@kcpd.org)

*South Patrol Division*, CIO T. D'Andrea,  
(816) 672-2828, Email: [tdandrea@kcpd.org](mailto:tdandrea@kcpd.org)

**Neighborhood and Community Services Dept.—Office of Special Programs**, Robert J Mohart Multipurpose FOCUS Center, 3200 Wayne, KCMO 64109, administers the following programs:

—The Healthy Initiative Project, *HIP* offers \$3,000.00 mini-grants to faith and community-based organizations to address health disparities in the African American and Latino community.

—The Child and Adult Care Food Program, *CAFP* provides nutritious supper meals to children enrolled in after school programs that provide enrichment projects.

—The Summer Food Service Program, *SFSP* provides at least one nutritious free meal daily to low-income children in income eligible areas. Meals are delivered daily to participating sites that provide summer activities.

—The Summer Youth Transportation Program, *SYTP* provides free bus transportation to organizations participating in the Summer Food Service Program for summer field trip activities.

For more information contact, Martina Bowden at (816) 784-4540 or email her at [Martina\\_Bowden@kcmo.org](mailto:Martina_Bowden@kcmo.org).

**Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission—MCSP Public Service Activities—KCPD, KCKPD or Independence program** is comprised of the Kansas City

Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department of KCMO, and the Keep Kansas City Beautiful Program.

At no expense to taxpayers those individuals ordered to complete community service participate in clean up projects throughout the Kansas City area making it a better place to live and work for everyone.

To make arrangements to utilize this resource, please contact Jamie Hallam, (816) 960-6813 or by email at [communityservice@kc-crime.org](mailto:communityservice@kc-crime.org).

**Water Services Department—Household Hazardous Waste Program**, 4707 Deramus, manages and recycle or disposes of household chemicals from the residents of Kansas City.

Appointments are required. Persons arriving without appointment may or may not be served, if the resident is served then a \$10 drive-up fee is required.

Drop-Off hours: Thursday-Saturday, except Holidays, 9am-4pm.

Reusable household chemicals are available to residents through the Swap Shop. Free paint is available in 1-gallon containers. The 5-gallon paint containers are \$10. The paint is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Swap Shop Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-4pm.

For more information about this program, phone (816) 784-2080.

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and pre-service and monthly in-service training, among other benefits.

Foster Grandparents are placed in community non-profit agencies to serve one-to-one with special or exceptional needs children, ranging in age from infants to adolescents. Foster Grandparents serve with children who have physical disabilities, learning disabilities, emotional problems, have been affected by abuse or neglect, homelessness, or drug usage, teenage parents, and those affected by the court system. "Foster Grandparents provide that loving, one-on-one attention that so many children crave and need," Lax said, "and at the same time it gives the older adult something worthwhile to do with their time."

The local program is looking for additional persons to be Foster Grandparents. Therefore, to find out more about Lax's participation in the White House Conference on Aging, or about the Foster Grandparent Program, call Brenda Lax, Program Manager, Neighborhood and Community Services Department, at (816) 784-4519.

**Puzzle: KCMO Neighborhoods.** Find the neighborhood names in the puzzle diagram, using the **bold-type** part of the neighborhood names given this page. The names are either **across**, **down**, **backward** or **diagonal**. Answer on page xx. The group names were randomly selected from each City Council District.

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**Gracemor Randolph** Community Council

**9100 Grand Block Watchers** Block Club

**Indian Mound** Neighborhood Association

**Lea Manor** Homes Association

**Longfellow** Community Association

**Louella Heights** Block Club

**Mayfair** Homes Association

**Mount Hope** Neighborhood Association

**Newcastle** Homes Association

**Roanoke Protective** Homes Association

**Rockhill Ridge** Neighborhood Association

**Santa Fe** Neighborhood Association

**Sheffield** Neighborhood Association

**Staley Farm** Neighborhood Association

**Stratford Place** Townhomes Association

**Sugar Tree** Homes Association

**4500 Tracy** Block Club

**United** Neighborhood Association

**Volker** Neighborhood Association

**West Bluffs** Tenant Association

**Western Blue Township** Homeowners Association

**Woodgate on Bannister** Homes Association



**Amber Meadows/Amber Lakes** Subdivisions Homes Association

**Battleflood Heights** Neighborhood Association

**Center City** Neighborhood Association

**Charleston Harbor** Homes Association

**3900 Euclid** Block Club

**Fairwood** Homes Association

**Foxcroft** Homes Association

**Glen Arbor Estates** Homes Association



*Continued from page 8, “KC Pet Program” Offer Low Cost Services*

issue. This program offers free and low cost surgeries for your pet so you can help in reducing pet over population. In some cases we even **pay you** for getting your animal “fixed”.

*Continued from page 8, Request Vital Records By Mail or Online*

certificate, you need the deceased's name, date of death, place of death and your relationship to the person named on the certificate. Certificates for deaths within the

- City of Kansas City, Mo., starting in 1910 are \$13 for the first copy and \$10 for each additional. All death records outside the city limits, but in the state of Missouri starting in 1980, are \$13 for the first copy and \$10 for each additional.
- Please also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelop, a copy of your driver's license or other ID and a check or money order payable to Vital Records. All requests are sent out in about two days unless a problem occurs.

When requesting **on-line**, you can submit a request for a

You can also have a representative from Animal Control attend your neighborhood meetings and explain this program, city ordinances, and the other services they offer. Contact Mike Schumacher at 513-9810 to schedule a speaker for your group. For more information on the “KC Pet Program” please call Michelle Dormady at 353-0940. •

Missouri certified birth or death certificate online at [http://www.vitalchek.com/provider\\_overview.asp?provider\\_id=6913](http://www.vitalchek.com/provider_overview.asp?provider_id=6913). Payment must be by Mastercard, Visa, American Express or Discover. The birth certificate cost is \$20.50 when sent by regular U.S. mail or \$38 by Federal Express. Death certificate cost is \$18.50 when sent by regular U.S. mail or \$36 by Federal Express.

For more information, contact the Kansas City Health Department, **Vital Records**, 2400 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108, Phone: (816) 513-6309, Fax: (816) 513-6285 or at E-mail: [births@kcmo.org](mailto:births@kcmo.org). Office hours: Monday through Friday (except holidays), 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For **Kansas** certificates, call (785) 296-1400. For other information or questions (including vital records offices in other states), send e-mail to [births@kcmo.org](mailto:births@kcmo.org) or call (816) 513-6309. •

*Continued from page 9, City Manager Submitted Budget To Council*

“This proposed budget continues the process begun two years ago to streamline and consolidate City functions as part of a comprehensive effort to improve basic service delivery, improve customer responsiveness and reduce the ongoing structural budgetary problems faced by this City,” Cauthen said. “Through the hard work and resilience of the mayor and City Council to put our fiscal house in order, the City can now begin the work of reinvesting its growing resources back into the community.”

The budget adoption process includes the following:

Budget submittal to City Council – February 9

Departmental director hearings – February 13-14

Public hearing – February 22, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber

Introduction of the budget ordinance – March 2

Finance Committee consideration – March 8, 15 and 22

City Council business session on the budget – March 23

City Council adoption – March 23. •

**Brain Teaser:** Match the group type in column A with the group definition in column B. Answer on page 16.

**Column A**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Community Action Network (C.A.N.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Block Club
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Homes Association
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Neighborhood Association
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Tenant Association

**Column B**

- A.) This group often provides their members with services such as security, property maintenance, and covenants to ensure housing standards, in exchange for membership fees.
- B.) This group helps renters in multi-family housing locations get to know each other and contribute positively to the communal atmosphere.
- C.) This group give residents a voice and a way to work together to improve their neighborhood and communicate their needs to City officials and other agencies.
- D.) This group organizes one or several city blocks to boost pride of ownership, crime prevention, and neighborhood relations.
- E.) This group has a team that consists of a neighborhood coordinator, two police officers, and a city code inspector.



**The City of Kansas City, MO**



**Neighborhood and Community  
Services Department**

**(NCSD) "Nothing Can Stop Dedication"**

## **Center for Community Solutions Division**

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Email: [Solutions\\_NCSD@kcmo.org](mailto:Solutions_NCSD@kcmo.org)

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"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap  
but by the seeds that you plant."

—Robert Louis Stevenson, (1850-1894)

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*"MARC Grant Funds Available"* —Nadja Karpilow, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)

*"Planning To Serve Food: Permits Needed?"* —Jennifer Wilson, Health Department

*"Want To Know What Is Happening In Your*

*Neighborhood?"* —Jean Ann Lawson, Action Center, City Manager's Office

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*"Take Pride In A Clean City"* —Dee Ann Gregory, Solid Waste Division, Public Works Department

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*"MOCSA Seeks Volunteers"* —Alison Jones, Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

*"Step Up With RSVP!"* —Betsy Phillips, RSVP Program

A special 'Thank You' to the CCS staff for your contributions

SERVICES

Answer to **Brain Teaser**  
on page 15.

1. E                      4. C
2. D                      5. B
3. A

## **CCS Services**

For additional copies of this newsletter issue, or neighborhood group and property owner listings, or information about crime prevention topics and presentations, neighborhood maps, or neighborhood watch, or duplicating your neighborhood group newsletter, please contact the Center for Community Solutions Division (CCS) at (816) **784-4515**, Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—5:00 pm or visit our website at <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh.nsf/web/ccs?opendocument>.